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Dear Health Care Provider,

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), is planning an expansion of managed care in the Roanoke and Alleghany regions, effective January 1, 2012. The localities affected are Alleghany, Bath, Bedford City and County, Botetourt, Buena Vista, Craig, Covington, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Highland, Lexington, Martinsville, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke City and County, Rockbridge, Salem and Wythe. This expansion of managed care coverage was included in the Budget Bill passed by the 2011 Session of the Virginia General Assembly.

In addition to Virginia Premier Health Plan, the current health plan in the area, a number of additional managed care organizations have expressed interest in providing services in these areas. Providers should already be hearing from these health plans as they have begun to build their provider networks. A decision as to which health plan(s) will participate is not expected until late summer. Formal training will be offered in the fall for providers and Medicaid and FAMIS members.

Furthermore, DMAS is planning to expand the managed care program into far Southwest Virginia as of July 1, 2012. The localities in far Southwest Virginia include the following cities and counties: Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wise.

Additional information will be provided on the DMAS website as it becomes available at [http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/mc-home.aspx](http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx).

Sincerely,

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